



Zelma F. Rothman

August 4, 1916 - December 23, 2009

St. Joseph – Rev. Mrs. Zelma F. Rothman, 93, of St. Joseph, passed away Wednesday morning, December 23, 2009, at Caretel Inns of Lakeland in St. Joseph.

Funeral services celebrating her life will be held at 11:00 A.M., Monday, December 28, at the First Church of the Nazarene, 3351 Niles Road, in St. Joseph, with Pastor J. Dean Pickett officiating. Burial will be private. Visitation will be Sunday from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M., at the Dey Florin Funeral Home, 2506 Niles Ave., in St. Joseph. Memorials may be made to the First Church of the Nazarene.

Zelma was born August 4, 1916, in Pike County, Indiana. She was one of two daughters born to Everett and Helen Atkinson. On Christmas Day, 1939, she married William E. Rothman and together they had two daughters, Nancy and Linda. Zelma was co-pastor with her husband. She directed church choirs, Bible Schools, and Revivals. Zelma participated in the District Missionary Council of the church in Indianapolis. She taught for ten years at Martindale School in Benton Harbor. She and her husband enjoyed traveling the United States and also to the Holy Land. Most of all, Zelma will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother.

Zelma is survived by her daughter, Nancy Fountain of Apache Junction, AZ;

grandsons, Paul (Susan), II, Timothy, and Mikael Dickinson; great-granddaughter, Kristina (Krickett) Gipson; sister, Naomi Wolpe of Denver; and by her great-nephews Alan, Rolland and Michael Rothman; great-niece, Diana Lawrence and by her nephew, Brad (Donna) Wolpe.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Rev. William E. Rothman and by her daughter, Linda Kay Dickinson.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 27. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Dey-Florin Chapel of Florin Funeral Service - Closed 2013
2506 Niles Avenue
St. Joseph, MI 49085
(269) 983-1514
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Service

DEC 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

First Church of Nazarene
3351 Niles Road
St. Joseph, MI 49085

Tribute Wall

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“ It has been a blessing just to know Sister Rothman. I will never forget how she and her husband opened thier house to me and my sibilings(all 5 of us). When my father hurt himself, they took us in and showed us a family that we never new could exist. The love and kind heartedness they all had is still to this day holds a special place in my heart. I will forever cherish the memories I have of you. Thanks for the prayers and your concern for me to have the Lord in my heart.

Joe Jones

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